

ENGLISH OPINION

Of Chamberlain's Dispatch To South African Republic.

CLEAR THE WAY FOR PEACE

IF THE BOERS DESIRE IT—IN ANY EVENT IT AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DELAY—IN THE MEANWHILE BOTH SIDES ARE PUSHING THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR WAR—CONFLICTING REPORTS.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The general feeling, including that of the Pro-Boers, as indicated by articles in the afternoon papers to-day, is that the published dispatch of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, to the British high commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, clears the way for peace if the Boers desire it. In any event, it is pointed out, it affords further delay, which in the case of Great Britain is certainly advantageous, as it gives time for the reinforcement of the garrisons at the Cape. The papers generally, however, express the hope that President Kruger will now see his way clear to meet Great Britain's views, and the Westminster Gazette, which is not an anti-Boer paper, says: "President Kruger and his advisers still have a chance of securing peace with independence."

In the meanwhile, the dispatch of troops to South Africa proceeds uninterrupted. Three field batteries arrived at Birkenhead to-day, and will embark for Durban, Natal.

A cablegram from Cape Town says: "Quantities of stores and ammunition are leaving here daily. The movement of troops to Natal is merely a precautionary measure, to secure the coal mines, and is nowise in the nature of a menace. There are imperial troops on the immediate border. Rumors of collisions should be received with caution."

A dispatch from Pretoria says that a Mauser rifle in the hands of a burgher who was practising with it burst recently and nearly killed him, with the result that a great number of burghers are gravely concerned at the apparent insecurity of the new weapon. They assert that the cartridges are worthless, and are appealing to the government to revert to the Martini or investigate and remedy the grievances.

The Times has a dispatch from Johannesburg which asserts that the delay in creating the worst possible impression in the minds of the burghers, who tauntingly boast that while Great Britain deprecates delay upon the part of the Boers, she intentionally and unnecessarily prolongs the controversy because she is afraid to follow up her own game of bluff with the argument of force.

Reports are heard on all sides of the eagerness of the Boers to start hostilities, and their postponement is said to be solely due to the restraining influence of General Joubert. It is added that it is believed this information cannot be exercised much longer. There is a circumstantial rumor that General Joubert has received imperative orders from the armed burghers that unless he is prepared to take the initiative within a brief period he must relinquish his command of the army. This is looked upon as an instructive indication of Boer feeling.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

From South Africa—Hopes for Peace and Fears of War.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 26.—The South African News to-day prints a dispatch from Pretoria saying the alleged change in British public opinion and the absence of alarming reports subsequent to the meeting of the council are considered hopeful signs.

There is no official news from Bloemfontein, but there is not the slightest doubt about the attitude of the Orange Free State. At a meeting of Scandianvians there it was unanimously decided to support the government. Only twenty members of the first raid are in town, and it is expected that the legislature will dissolve at any moment. The Jews, at a meeting, have resolved to support the government, and have offered to equip and provision a police corps of two hundred men.

Piet Kruger, grandson of the president of the Transvaal, in a letter to the volksraad, asks whether or not it is the government's duty to inform the imperial government that any further landing of troops will be considered a casus belli.

There is feverish activity in all the departments, and the dispatch of riders, carrying instructions to towns removed from the telegraph lines, is continuous.

Irish Manifesto

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 26.—A manifesto has been issued here by a number of Irishmen urging the Irish to "Strike a good blow at England, which has held the Irish people in bondage."

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HEAD-END COLLISION

On New York Central Road—Three Killed and Others Fatally Injured. AUBURN, N. Y., Sept. 26.—A head-end collision between a New York Central passenger train and a freight train occurred this morning at 6 o'clock, just west of Old Flat Bottom bridge, about a half mile west of the city, and as a result three people are dead, two fatally injured and four seriously injured. The dead are: Emmet Labetot, of Rochester, engineer on the freight train; J. G. Curry, of Rochester, fireman on the freight train; James E. King, of Skaneateles.

Fatally injured: R. J. Frew, of Geneva, baggageman on the passenger train, skull fractured; Thomas Dugan, of Geneva, engineer on the passenger train.

Others injured: S. J. Ludolph, of Rochester, brakeman on the freight train, both legs broken and otherwise injured; Byron Nellis, of Geneva, fireman on the passenger train; C. A. Martin, of Geneva, conductor on the passenger train; Charles Persons, of Geneva, trainman on the passenger.

The responsibility for the accident has not yet been determined, but the freight train which is due in the city at 1:55 a. m., was running on the time of the passenger train, and this fact was known to Conductor George Elghime, of Rochester, who had charge of the freight when he ordered his train to leave Aurelius, the first station west of this city. The place at which the accident happened is about one-half mile west of the city limits, and there is a sharp curve. The freight train, several hours late, was making fast time, and when the two came in sight the speed was so great that a stop could not be made.

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SOME STRANGE REPORTS

From the Filipino Camp About the American Prisoners.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The two Englishmen who assert that they were shipwrecked in a small open boat near Bigan at the northern end of Luzon, brought a message from the insurgent general, Pantolon Garcia, that fourteen American prisoners who are now held at Tarlac will be released on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The delay in releasing the prisoners as promised several days ago, is due to the fact that the Filipinos wish to furnish the men with new clothing when they set them free.

The Englishmen state further that Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore and the captured boat's crew from the Yorktown are still at Bigan, but will be released later, in accordance with the decision of the Filipino congress, and the subsequent decree of Aguinaldo providing for the surrender of all Americans.

The admitted purpose of the Filipinos in thus freeing the Americans is to impress foreign powers.

The Englishmen say that Lieutenant Gilmore and his men are not being treated well. They are receiving only twenty cents a day each for rations.

The released Englishmen assert that three Americans who were taken prisoners have accepted commissions in the insurgent army. One of the three is said to have been a sergeant, but his regiment is unknown; another is said to have been a corporal in the California regiment, while the third is a negro.

Five officers of the Japanese army are assisting the insurgents in the war preparations.

The Filipino authorities sent word that no trace can be found of Captain Rockefeller, of the Ninth Infantry, who disappeared in April and was supposed to be captured. Railroad bridges in insurgent territory have been washed out, especially the one at Bandan above Tarlac and the insurgents are having difficulty in supplying the troops in the immediate front of the American line.

The insurgent army has a heterogeneous supply of arms. Sometimes there are four types of rifles to a regiment.

The main resistance to the American advance is to be made at Tarlac.

On the way to the American lines the Englishmen were taken on a wide detour away from the insurgent front, and were thus unable to see the rebel defenses, which are reputed to be strong.

Pacific Coast Earthquakes

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 26.—The earthquakes which shook up the Alaskan coast early in September made themselves felt miles at sea. Three vessels which have arrived from the northern salmon fisheries are reported as experiencing most peculiar weather on Sunday, September 3, the day of the first of the tremors.

Captain Charles Johnson, of the bark B. P. Cheney, which was at sea almost opposite Kodiak, at the time of the disturbance, states that on September 2 a heavy gale sprang up, the air being very sultry. The barometer fell rapidly, but in about fifteen minutes the wind fell and the sea quieted down. Capt. Thomas, of the bark Nicholas Thayer, from Alaska, also noted the peculiar climatic conditions obtaining on September 3. The L. J. Morse was likewise caught in the gale, which followed the upheaval along the north coast.

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PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL

Opens at Washington To-Day—Will Be a Memorable Assembly.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—Presbyterians from all over the world are arriving here to attend the Pan-Presbyterian council, which opens its sittings at the New York Avenue Presbyterian church to-morrow. Upwards of four hundred delegates are expected to be in attendance upon this, the seventieth general council. The following foreign countries will be represented: Austria-Hungary, Belgium, East Prussia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Scotland, Ceylon, China, Japan, Cape of Good Hope, Orange Free State, South African Republic, Natal, Canada, Eastern Australia, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, New Zealand, Otago, Southland, Jamaica and New Hebrides.

The local Presbyterians have made elaborate preparations for receiving and entertaining the delegates. The council is not a legislative body; its work is to discuss church and religious questions and its suggestions and conclusions will be adopted by individual churches, which are subject only to their own laws. Among the prominent figures here will be Dr. J. Marshall Lang, of Glasgow, Scotland, author of "Is Life Worth Living?" and pastor of Barony church, the mother congregation of Scotland, in which John Knox worshipped; Rev. James Stewart, of South Africa, Samuel Smith, of London, and J. Herbert Roberts, of Abergele, Wales, both members of parliament. Rev. Charles A. Salmund, of Edinburgh, and Rev. Theophilus Gay, of Waldensian church, Rev. John Dewitt, of Princeton theological seminary, will preach a sermon at the opening service to-morrow and Rev. J. Lang will deliver the opening address. In the evening President McKinley will receive the delegates at the white house.

Cabinet Meeting

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—All the members of the cabinet attended to-day's meeting except Secretaries Hay and Gage. The meeting was entirely devoid of results. A few routine matters were taken up and the dispatch of Admiral Watson announcing the details of the loss of the gunboat Urdaneta, was read. The arrangements for the Dewey reception and sword presentation in this city were gone over and the details of the President's western trip were discussed. The President will be accompanied by Mrs. McKinley and the members of the cabinet. They will leave here on October 4, the morning after the Dewey dinner at the white house, and will be gone about two weeks. They go first to Galesburg, Ill., thence on to St. Paul, Sioux City, and Aberdeen, S. D. The full schedule of the trip has not yet been completed.

Ran Into an Open Switch

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 26.—Chesapeake & Ohio passenger train No. 1 ran into an open switch near White Sulphur Springs last night and struck a freight train standing on the siding, damaging both engines. Robert Garrison, a tramp riding between the engine and the tender, was killed. Colonel N. August, a passenger, was thrown from his berth and sustained a broken leg. It is believed the switch was maliciously tampered with.

Absorbed By the Standard

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 26.—It was announced that the Manhattan Oil Company has been purchased by the Standard Oil Company. The Manhattan Company was the largest competitor of the Standard in the Lima field, had an immense refinery at Walker, this county, and controlled extensive pipe and tank lines. The stock of the Manhattan company was quietly picked up by the Standard company and it was definitely announced to-day a majority had been secured. The amount involved was not stated.

A Successful School

The Department of Pharmacy of Scio College has made for itself, in its ten years of existence, a national reputation. At the last June commencement it graduated a class of thirty-four members, the largest in its history. At least three-quarters of the number were engaged before commencement day. Since then the principal of the department reports that he has had no less than fifty applicants for graduates to take positions in all portions of the country. Enrollment for the fall term is now in progress, and will continue for some weeks yet. The outlook indicates a large attendance for this year.

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SENATORIAL STORIES.

How Senator Chandler Got Conkling To Put on the Gloves With Jim Macco—Pomeroy's Insistent Constituent.

Old attaches of the United States senate like to tell stories of the palmy days of Senators Pomeroy, "Old Pom," of Kansas; Zach Chandler, of Michigan, and NeSmith, of Oregon. Chandler was more of a practical joker than a story teller. Roscoe Conkling, being a much younger man and in almost constant training, subjected Chandler to some severe drubbings in their friendly bouts with the gloves. Once Chandler invited Conkling to dine with him, his family being away at the time, and at the table he was introduced to a mild-mannered, well-built man, who seemed to be somewhat embarrassed by his environment, and ventured not a word beyond the most commonplace expressions. Conkling concluded that the stranger was a backwoods constituent and, beyond the common civilities, ceased to address him. After dinner they repaired to the billiard room, and presently old Zach and Conkling, as usual, put on the mittens. Conkling was in high spirits and seemed to enjoy himself immensely in knocking his old friend all around the room.

Chandler soon cried enough, and intimated that his other guest might be disposed to join Conkling in a bout. The stranger jumped at the suggestion and donned the gloves. Some awkwardness was shown by the newcomer, although he seemed quite spry upon his feet. Conkling caught him a heavy blow on the chest which staggered him, followed by an upper cut that missed its purpose, and he caught in return a blow on the point of the chin that landed him flat on his back. Throwing back his curls he was up in an instant and rushed on his antagonist, full of fire and indignation, intending to give him a settler. Instead, he was turned upside down by a left-hand blow on the neck that came with triphammer force. As he slowly raised himself, he caught sight of his host, who was laughing, rolling on a settee in the corner of the room. Without saying a word he removed the gloves and stalked out of the house. At a dinner party next night, Chandler related how he had engaged Jim Macco, the champion heavy weight pugilist of England, then exhibiting in this country, to meet his friend Conkling, and the result of the interview. For a few days Conkling was boiling mad, but the fun of the situation was too much, and he gave in and joined in the laugh.

Senator Pomeroy used to tell of a local preacher in Kansas who had forced himself upon the stump after Lincoln's second nomination and who demanded recognition of the party for his services during the campaign. He said he would like to be sent as minister plenipotentiary to England or France, and when told that it was impossible, insisted on being appointed consul to Liverpool. Finding that the "powers that be" considered that equally preposterous, he was quite offended at what he considered a lack of appreciation of his services in a state that nothing could have turned against the Republicans. Finally, Senator Pomeroy said to him: "I'm going to Washington in about two weeks time—think the matter over, and if you should light on something in reason, I'll aid you in getting it." In ten days he called on the senator again, his head still away up in the clouds, and being assured of the impossibility of getting what he thought was about his due, said:

"Senator, can't you think of some place that would suit me?"

"Yes," said Pomeroy, "I've thought of a place that would suit you and that you would suit, and that there is a possibility of getting for you. It's an Indian agency."

"An Indian agency? What's that?" queried the preacher.

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"Perquisites—what perquisites?"

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"I'll take it," said the reverend gentleman; "I've already thought it over, and do you know, Senator, I think you are a blessed sight better than beef for Indians, anyway!"

NeSmith, of Oregon, had never been at the capital until after his election as senator, and of course he was much impressed by his new surroundings. He was sworn in alone, being escorted to the vice president's desk by a senator from Pennsylvania, and the scene filled him with awe. Some months later, when he had grown familiar with fellow senators and surroundings, and been discovered to be the most companionable of men he was asked as to his feelings when he first entered the senate chamber. He replied that when he walked down the aisle to take the oath and viewed the white and venerable heads on either side of him, his heart jumped to his throat, and he could hardly refrain from saying aloud: "NeSmith, how the devil did you ever get here?" "Well," said a colleague, "now that you have been with us six months and are no longer a stranger, what are your feelings as you look over the august body?"

"Well," replied NeSmith, "now that I've had a chance to meet you all and take the measure of each, I look on the old bald paters by which I am bedged in, and involuntarily ask myself: 'NeSmith, how the devil did they ever get here?'"

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